

EastWaterWayComments

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I support the EPAs preferred alternative with the following changes:

1) Addressing ongoing toxic “hotspots” in the river, including areas that receive high volumes of polluted stormwater from outfalls, and which overlap with areas heavily used by the community, including for fishing. This should help address the environmental justice issue of toxic fish and shellfish, especially given the Duwamish River’s limited water access for fishing and recreation space. It’s unconscionable that such easily accessible fishing is unusable or extremely dangerous.

2)Updating the preferred alternative to include upstream stormwater management. This should treat and control polluted stormwater entering the Duwamish River upstream of the Harbor Island site so that the EPA’s cleanup effort works holistically across the watershed. Protecting the East Waterway from upstream sources of contamination is just as important as protecting it from buried legacy pollution within the site. There have been ongoing studies about how tire contamination affects salmon health and this should be taken into consideration when developing storm water runoff management.

3) Accelerating remediation so EPA continues to see this project through to completion as quickly as possible. After 40 years, the East Waterway ecosystem needs remediation now, and the communities that live, work, and fish around Harbor Island cannot wait another 15 years for the EPA to finish this planned remedy.